

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

9 APRIL 2018

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson's, Cllr. Pat Hand presided. In attendance were: Cllr. Marie Baker, Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe, Cllr. Cormac Devlin; Cllr. Hugh Lewis; Cllr. Lynsey McGovern; Cllr. SORCHA NIC CORMAIC; Cllr. Seamas O'Neill; Cllr. Barry Saul; Cllr. Carrie Smyth; Cllr. Alex White; Elizabeth Clooney; Diarmuid McAree;

Apologies: Cllr. Mary Fayne;

Officials in attendance were: Frank Austin (Director of Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Austin Baines (Senior Executive Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy); Dean Eaton (Acting Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment & Climate); Gerry Flaherty Senior Executive Engineer Municipal Services, Kate Hynes, (Administrative Officer, Environment and Climate Change) and Joan Deering (Clerical Officer, Infrastructure, Climate Change & Energy).

A Reply was given to the Committee on 'That the Manager outlines and this committee discusses, the future actions contained under The EU Covenant of Mayors – Cllr. Devlin.

The reply was **NOTED**.

Seamus Clancy from REPAK gave a presentation to the Committee. Seamus informed the Committee that recycling has increased from 15% in 1997 to 68% today and there were 126 landfill sites in 1997 and today there is one landfill site. Ireland has performed strongly on recycling and recovery but has a number of key challenges.

- The need to address the problem of contamination in recycling
- The need to address the recycling infrastructure deficit.
- The challenge to eliminate single use plastics
- The challenge is to move from a linear economy to a circular economy

Following questions from Committee members the Presentation was **NOTED**.

Gerry Flaherty Presented the **Cycling Review 2017 report** to the members. Following a brief discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

Following questions from Committee members the presentation was **NOTED**.

Kate Hynes gave a presentation on the RMCEI Plan (Environmental Inspections Plan).

The RMCEI details

- The framework of environmental inspection targets to be undertaken in order to achieve environmental priorities and outcomes during the coming year, and

identifies the inspections undertaken and the achievement of environmental priorities and outcomes in the previous year, by monitoring the performance against the targets.

- Environmental Enforcement activities of the council in relation to waste, air and noise and relating to water bodies

The EPA who monitor the RMCEI plan assigned DLR Council an "Above Target" rating for their work in 2016.

Following questions from Committee members the Presentation was **NOTED.**

Dean Eaton gave a presentation on DLR Eco Conference. Dean informed the Committee that the conference is in it's 9th year having been developed as a vehicle to engage secondary schools in the Green Schools programme and Climate Change challenges. 22 Schools took part this year.

Following questions from Committee members the presentation was **NOTED.**

Energy Saving Kits.

Austin Baines spoke briefly on the Energy Saving Kits and informed Committee members that the kits are available in the following Libraries dlr Lexlcon, Stillorgan, Deansgrange and Dundrum .

The meeting concluded at 7 p.m.